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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RE MAJOR ISSUES AT FORTHCOMING
ICAO ASSEMBLY

REF: STATE 121894

1. EMBOFF PROVIDED PRELIMINARY USG VIEWS IN REFTEL TO MINISTRY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP LA MORTE (OIC, CIVAIR AFFAIRS) ON
JUNE 14.

2. LA MORTE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND NOTED US
AND ITALIAN VIEWS QUITE CLOSE ON ALL FIVE (5) ISSUES. HE GAVE
EMBOFF BRIEF RUNDOWN OF GOI POSITION:

A) POSSIBLE REVISION OF COMPOSITION OF PERMANENT ICAO COUNCIL.
AFTER NOTING LOGIC OF US POSITION IS "OVERWHELMING," HE SAID
GOI FEARS CHALLENGE TO ITS MEMBERSHIP ON PERMANENT ICAO COUNCIL.
SINCE ALITALIA FIFTH OR SIXTH LARGEST AIRLINE IN FREE WORLD, LA
MORTE STATED GOI FIRMLY BELIEVES ITALY DESERVES RETAIN MEMBERSHIP.
B) MANDATORY ICAO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME. GOI STRONGLY
OPPOSES ANY TYPE OF MANDATORY SCHEME IN ICAO; THE PROPER PLACE FOR
THIS IS UNDP. GOI SUPPORTS CONTINUATION PRESENT VOLUNTARY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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C) ICAO AND AIR FARES/RATES. IATA IS BEST FORUM FOR DIS-

CUSSION OF RATES AND FARES. SUBJECT SHOULD DEFINITELY BE KEPT OUT OF ICAO.

D) HIJACKING. GOI STRONGLY SUPPORTS RESOLUTION RE EXPEDITIOUS RATIFICATION. ANYTHING BEYOND THIS NOT RPT NOT LIKELY BE ACCEPTABLE, AS LAST YEAR'S ROME MEETING DEMONSTRATED.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS. LA MORTE NOTED THERE IS NOT RPT NO AGENCY WITHIN GOI WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, PAPERS JUST GET SHUFFLED BACK AND FORTH AMONG MINISTRIES WITHOUT ACTION. AS YET, THERE IS NO RPT NO OFFICIAL GOI POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

3. LA MORTE ALSO MENTIONED ARABIC LANGUAGE ISSUE AND SAID GOI HAS YET TO DEVELOP A POSITION.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY URGES USG SUPPORT FOR ITALY RETAINING MEMBERSHIP ON PERMANENT ICAO COUNCIL. GOI EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ON THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY AFTER SOME RECENT OECD EXPERIENCES. EMBASSY BELIEVES INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY IN MONTREAL WOULD BE USEFUL IN ENSURING ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR US POSITION ON ABOVE ISSUES. BEAUDRY

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